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SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know from the Hon. the Minister whether the Government of Hyderabad who have to accept these findings, will accept all those findings?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have no idea about it but I am sure they will be accepting them."

Irrigation scheme of the Gosthani river.

* 85 Q.—SRI P. VIRABHADRASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) what action has been taken on the petitions of the villagers of Reddipallee Agraharam, Potnuru, Kothavalasa and other villages requesting the Government to take up the irrigation scheme of the Gosthani river near Bhimasingi railway bridge in the Bimlipatam taluk, Vizagapatam district ;

(b) whether investigation of the scheme has been taken up; and

(c) what the estimated cost of the scheme is ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) The Government have had the request examined by the Public Works Department Officers. The site where a dam has been proposed by the petitioners has accordingly been inspected by the local Subdivisional Officer, who has thereupon reported that all the lands for which irrigation is sought for are on a high level and that they are therefore not commendable. This has already been explained to the petitioner who accompanied the Subdivisional Officer during his inspection of the site. No further action is proposed to be taken.

" (b) & (c) Do not arise."

Irrigation schemes in the Ceded districts.

* 86 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the names of irrigation schemes in the Ceded districts included in the five-year programme under Grow More Food Scheme or otherwise;

(b) the names of schemes with full particulars sanctioned for execution during the first year;

(c) whether in the selection of schemes the question of return on Capital Outlay has influenced the choice ; and

(d) whether the Government will be pleased to make a statement on the question of returns as applicable to different tracts in the Presidency?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) A statement [a] of the names of irrigation schemes in the Ceded districts included in the five-year programme under Grow More Food scheme or otherwise is laid on the table of the House.

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 471–473 infra.